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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director

SUBJECT : Project SAFE Status

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1. This memo is for your information only and summarizes the status of NFAC's Project SAFE. The development contract with TRW is managed for NFAC by the Office of Data Processing.

2. SAFE was scheduled to be phased into NFAC operations in December 1982. The project is currently undergoing an important design review by ODP. Preliminary findings of this review indicate a schedule delay of up to six months and additional costs of \$12M.

3. Throughout the developmental life of the project, the Agency had made an effort to keep the cost of the Project within DCI guidance, which was [ ] in 1979 dollars (inflation raised this figure to [ ] in current year costs) and to keep the project on schedule. The schedule is critical because the ADP functions to be provided under SAFE are badly overdue in NFAC's analytical offices.

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4. The Agency has already agreed to slip the schedule for parts of the system, to reduce the size of the program, and to remove requirements from the scope of the contract. The original project called for 1200 computer consoles to support [ ] NFAC analysts to be in place by 31 December 1982. The Agency lowered this to 230 consoles to support up to [ ] NFAC analysts to be delivered on a phased basis in December 1982 and all through 1983, followed by growth over the next two years to a total of 600 consoles supporting [ ] NFAC analysts. This represented a reduction of 600 consoles from the original contract and a delay of two years before NFAC achieved a fully operational SAFE system.

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5. The latest contractual problems have been reported to the management of both CIA and DIA since SAFE is a joint Project. The contractor, TRW, and ODP have identified late January 1982 as the date by which they will have a clearer determination of the severity of both the design and financial difficulties.

6. I intend to meet on the West Coast with senior TRW officials in January (or Feb) to discuss the project and the impact of the schedule delays on NFAC. A report will be prepared for your information in February summarizing the results of these discussions and TRW actions on the design problems.

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